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GENERAL DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21, FOCUSING ON THE CROSS-SECTORAL COMPONENTS OF AGENDA 21 AND THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY

1. The Commission considered item 3 of its agenda at the 4th, 6th, 7th and ___ meetings, on 12, 13 and ___ April 1995. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the role and contribution of major groups (E/CN.17/1995/9);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on trade, environment and sustainable development (E/CN.17/1995/12);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on changing consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/1995/13);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication and sustainable development (E/CN.17/1995/14);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on demographic dynamics and sustainability (E/CN.17/1995/15);

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(f) Report of the Secretary-General on information for decision-making and Earthwatch (E/CN.17/1995/18);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on integrating environment and development in decision-making (E/CN.17/1995/19);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on policy issues that may be addressed at the high-level meeting of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/1995/21);

(i) Report of the High-Level Meeting on Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development submitted by the secretariats of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Environment Programme (E/CN.17/1995/23);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on national information (E/CN.17/1995/24);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the activities of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and of the World Food Programme in sustainable development (E/CN.17/1995/28);

(l) Letter dated 18 March 1995 from the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a brief summary report of the Workshop on Indicators of Sustainable Development for Decision-Making held in Ghent, Belgium, from 9 to 11 January 1995 (E/CN.17/1995/32);

(m) Letter dated 12 April 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/1995/35).

2. At the 4th meeting, on 12 April 1995, introductory statements were made by the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Deputy Executive Director (Technical Services) of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director, Division for Sustainable Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat.

3. At the 6th meeting, on 13 April 1995, introductory statements were also made by the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat and by representatives of the Secretariat as well as of the Statistical Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat.

4. During the consideration of the item, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, France (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Brazil, Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, the Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Morocco, Malaysia, Belgium, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, China, Australia, Belarus, the Philippines, Japan, Mexico, Bulgaria,

Iceland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Tunisia, as well as by the observers for Norway, Algeria, Costa Rica, Sweden, Ecuador, Israel and the European Community.

5. A statement was also made by the observer for Switzerland.

6. A statement was made by the representative of the World Bank.

7. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Women's Environment and Development Organization, and by two non-governmental organizations accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development.

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MECHANISMS

1. At the 2nd, 5th and ___ meetings, on 11, 12 and __ April 1995, the Commission considered item 4 of its agenda. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on financial resources and mechanism for sustainable development: overview of current issues and developments (E/CN.17/1995/8);

(b) Report of the Ad Hoc Inter-sessional Working Group on Finance of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/1995/11);

(c) Letter dated 24 February 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Second Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21, held at Glen Cove, New York, 15-17 February 1995 (E/CN.17/1995/29).

2. The Commission heard a statement by the Chairman of the Inter-sessional Working Group on Finance of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

3. The Commission then heard presentations by members on a panel, consisting of Dr. Lin See-Yan (Chairman of the Inter-sessional Working Group on Finance),

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Mr. Nitin Desai (Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development), Mr. Grzegorz Kolodko (Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland), Mr. Andrew Steer (World Bank), Mr. Vito Tanzi (IMF), Ms. Hilary Thompson (Director for Environmental Management (Westminster National Bank) and Mr. Maximo Kalaw (Chairman, Green Forum of the Philippines), followed by a question and answer period.

4. At the 5th meeting, on 12 April 1995, the Commission held a general discussion of the item jointly with item 6, "Review of sectoral cluster: Land, desertification, forests and biodiversity" (see E/CN.17/1995/L.1/Add.4, para. 2).

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Chile, China, Canada, Malaysia, Brazil, India, Bangladesh, Australia, Iceland, Mexico, the United States of America, France, Uganda, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan, as well as by the observer for Algeria.

6. A statement was also made by the observer for Switzerland.

7. The representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific made a statement.

8. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for Greenpeace International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II.